



## Rhode Island Department of Labor and Training

### Initial Claims Statistics April 2006

Rhode Island workers filed a total of 6,086 initial claims for unemployment insurance benefits in April 2006, down 637 (-9.5%) from the 6,723 initial claims filed in April 2005.

Employees with an attachment to the Transportation & Warehousing (1,064) sector filed the greatest number of claims during the month followed by the employees of the Accommodation & Food Services (919) sector. The April school vacation period contributed to the high number of claims associated with these two sectors reflecting temporary layoffs in school lunch programs and school bus transportation. There were also a significant number of initial claims filed by individuals with an attachment to the Manufacturing (644) sector. Together these three sectors accounted for more than one-third of the initial claims filed this month. In comparison, less than one-quarter (23%) of the state's workforce\* is employed in the same three sectors.

At the major occupational level, workers classified in Transportation & Material Moving (1,217), Food Preparation & Serving Related (823), and Office & Administrative Support (661) occupations filed the most initial claims accounting for more than forty five percent of the monthly total. At the detailed occupational level; School Bus Drivers, Nonrestaurant Food Servers, and Food Preparation Workers reported the highest number of initial claims.

#### Initial Claims by Industry Sector

Industry	Claims	Percent
Agriculture/Forestry	1	0.0%
Mining	4	0.1%
Utilities	2	0.0%
Construction	409	6.7%
Manufacturing	644	10.6%
Wholesale Trade	149	2.4%
Retail Trade	355	5.8%
Transportation & Warehousing	1,064	17.5%
Information	63	1.0%
Finance & Insurance	184	3.0%
Real Estate	67	1.1%
Professional & Tech. Services	151	2.5%
Management of Companies	10	0.2%
Administrative & Waste Services	352	5.8%
Educational Services	46	0.8%
Health Care & Social Assistance	365	6.0%
Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	64	1.1%
Accommodation & Food Services	919	15.1%
Other Services	108	1.8%
Public Administration	135	2.2%
Information Not Available	994	16.3%

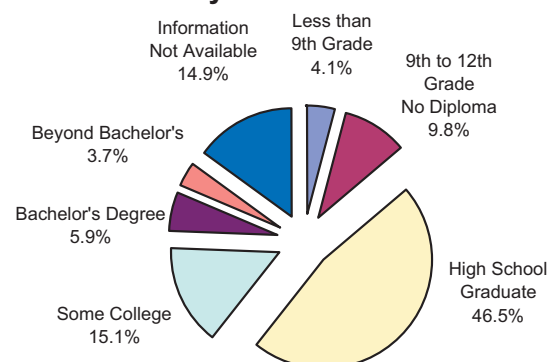
#### Initial Claims by Occupation

Occupation	Claims	Percent
Management	370	6.1%
Business & Financial Operations	155	2.5%
Computer & Mathematical	46	0.8%
Architecture & Engineering	15	0.2%
Life, Physical & Social Science	11	0.2%
Community & Social Services	36	0.6%
Legal	24	0.4%
Education, Training & Library	100	1.6%
Arts, Design, Entertainment, Sports & Media	58	1.0%
Healthcare Practitioner & Technical	93	1.5%
Healthcare Support	128	2.1%
Protective Service	209	3.4%
Food Preparation & Serving Related	823	13.5%
Building & Grounds Cleaning & Maintenance	66	1.1%
Personal Care & Service	83	1.4%
Sales & Related	328	5.4%
Office & Administrative Support	661	10.9%
Farming, Fishing & Forestry	1	0.0%
Construction & Extraction	245	4.0%
Installation, Maintenance & Repair	145	2.4%
Production	630	10.4%
Transportation & Material Moving	1,217	20.0%
Military Specific	7	0.1%
Information Not Available	635	10.4%

Men filed thirty-nine percent of the April claims whereas women filed sixty-one percent. School Bus Drivers; Truck Drivers, Light or Delivery Services; Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer are the occupations most cited by these newly unemployed men. School Bus Drivers; Food Servers, Nonrestaurant and Food Preparation Workers are the occupations most cited by the newly unemployed women.

Forty-seven percent of the claimants filing initial claims this month reported a high school diploma as their highest level of educational attainment. Twenty-five percent of the claimants reported having education beyond high school, with six percent possessing a Bachelor's degree. Fourteen percent of the claimants filing did not have a high school diploma or GED.

#### Initial Claims by Educational Attainment



Data may not add up due to rounding variations.  
\* 2004 Annual Average Covered Employment.